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Trends in the Middle East in the Light of

Arab Unity Developments

dated 5 June 1958

I. Findings

Intelligence materials upon which this estimate was based were generally good in quantity and quality. Deficiencies were substantially the same as were met with in connection with the preparation of other recent estimates on the Middle East area. The most notable deficiencies are:

a. Lack of precise information on relations and understandings between the UAR and the Soviets and between the Yemen and the Soviets;

b. Inadequate information on the situation in the Yemen and in the petty principalities of the Arabian littoral.

II. Action

The members of the IAC are requested to take such action as is feasible to remedy the above weaknesses in intelligence coverage.

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